

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application herein. In the first office action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10. However, the Examiner stated that Claims 11-33 are allowable over the prior art.

In addition, the Examiner stated that Claims 11-15 were objectionable. This is because Claim 11 depends from the rejected Claim 1. And, Claims 12-15 depend from Claim 11. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that re-writing Claim 11 in an independent form that includes all the limitations of the base Claim 1 overcomes the Examiner's objections.

In order to place the application in allowable form immediately, the Applicants hereby cancel the rejected claims 1-10 without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to submit these claims in a continuation or continuation-in-part application.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully traverse each ground of rejection and request reconsideration and further examination of the application. To place application in allowable form, the Applicants respond to each ground for rejection and objection as follows:

A. Claims 1-10 are cancelled without prejudice to obviate Examiner's rejections.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10. As previously discussed, Claims 1-10 are cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment obviates the Examiner's objection and places the application in allowable form.

B. Amended form of Claim 11 is allowable subject matter.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 11 contains allowable subject matter. As amended, Claim 11 is now written independent form and includes all the limitations of its base Claim 1. There are no intervening claim limitations. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended Claim 11 is now allowable.

C. Claims 12-15 are now allowable subject matter.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating Claim 12-15 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended Claim 11 into an allowable independent form. Thus, those claims depending from Claim 11 are now non-objectionable. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12-15 are in an allowable form.

D. Claims 16-33 are allowable subject matter.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 16-33 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request such action. Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

The Applicants do not believe any fees are due at this time. However, should any fees be deemed required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but is not to include payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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